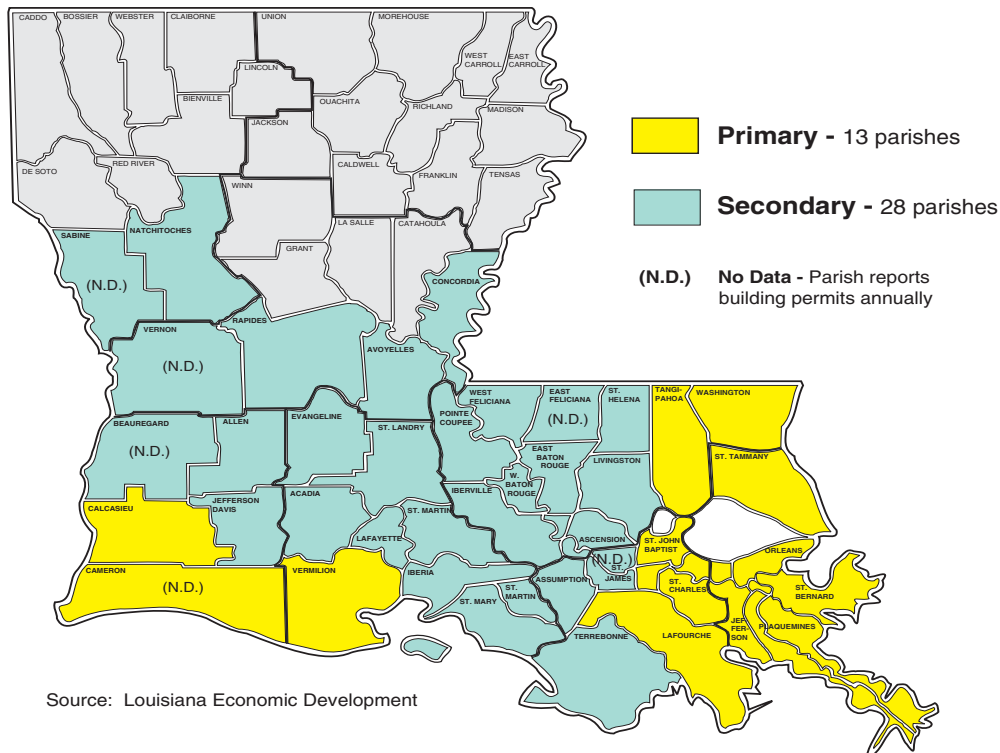


# MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS IN THE KATRINA/RITA IMPACT AREA

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

November 2005

## KATRINA / RITA IMPACT AREA



The accompanying map delineates the Katrina/Rita Impact Area of Louisiana in terms of 13 parishes of primary impact and 28 parishes of secondary impact. These parishes are examined in terms of value of residential building permits reported for November 2005. No monthly data is available for six parishes in the impact area (Beauregard, Cameron, East Feliciana, St. James, Sabine and Vernon) because they report annually.

All other parishes in the impact area are reflected in Table 1, i.e., those in planning districts 1-5 and the remaining four parishes for which data is available (Avoyelles, Concordia, Natchitoches and Rapides). Examination of Table 1 shows value of total permits in the impact area have risen slightly since last month. The slope of the trend line in Chart 1 is also marginally greater.

In the pages that follow, Tables 2-6 and their corresponding charts look individually at planning districts 1-5 and the remaining four parishes.

Table 1.  
KATRINA/RITA IMPACT AREA  
Residential Building Permits (\$000)

		Percent of Total
DEC 04	172,644	8.6
JAN 05	196,679	9.7
FEB 05	151,919	7.5
MAR 05	203,610	10.1
APR 05	169,234	8.4
MAY 05	178,673	8.8
JUN 05	197,769	9.8
JUL 05	174,961	8.7
AUG 05	201,010	10.0
SEP 05	130,190	6.4
OCT 05	118,963	5.9
NOV 05	123,502	6.1
Total	\$ 2,019,154	100.0

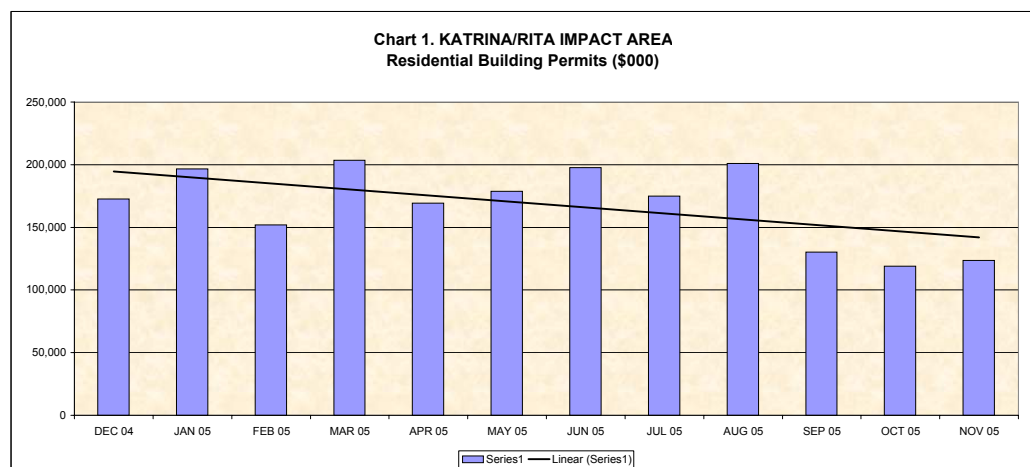
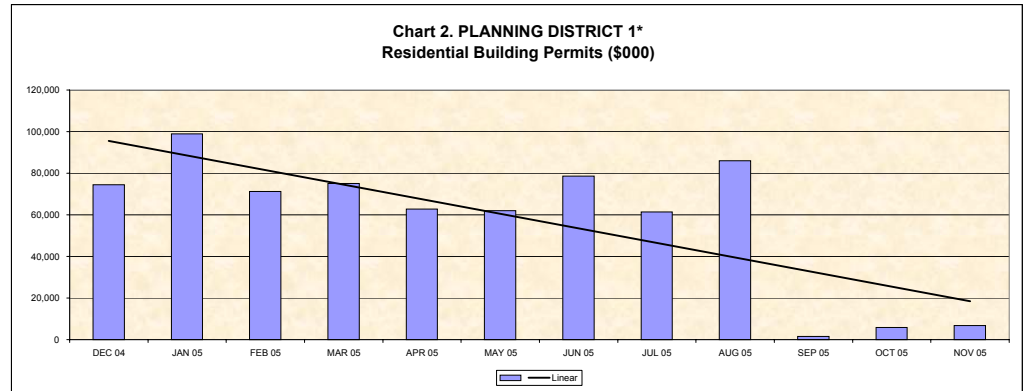


Table 2.  
PLANNING DISTRICT 1  
Residential Building Permits (\$000)

		% of total
DEC 04	74,522	10.9
JAN 05	98,953	14.5
FEB 05	71,253	10.4
MAR 05	75,046	11.0
APR 05	62,738	9.2
MAY 05	62,058	9.1
JUN 05	78,581	11.5
JUL 05	61,453	9.0
AUG 05	86,046	12.6
SEP 05	1,487	0.2
OCT 05	5,872	0.9
NOV 05	6,708	1.0
Total	\$ 684,717	100.0



\*Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany.

Since Planning District 1 bore the brunt of Katrina's primary impact, it is not surprising that of all the areas presented here, District 1 evidences the most dramatic drop in residential building permits (See Table 2/Chart 2). Nearly static levels of permits in Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes actually account for a slight overall increase in value of permits from October ["Louisiana Residential Building Permits by Parish, November 2005", LED]. The 12-month trend line also declines even more than previously.

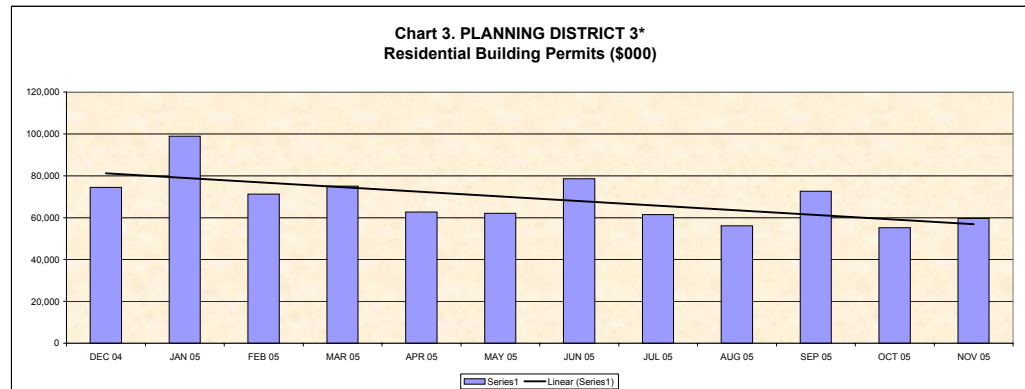
Another factor is, being the most urbanized area, overall number of permits and traditional value of construction had been by far, the greatest in the state. As for degree of recovery from September, Chart 2 shows November continuing a very modest growth rate.

Table 3 presents a summary of the 10 parishes in Planning District 2. As seen in Chart 3, the value of November permits increased slightly from that reported for September.

Table 4 presents the five parishes for which data is available in Planning District 3. As Chart 4 indicates, the level of November permits dropped significantly from October and the trend line has flattened noticeably.

Table 3.  
PLANNING DISTRICT 2  
Residential Building Permits (\$000)

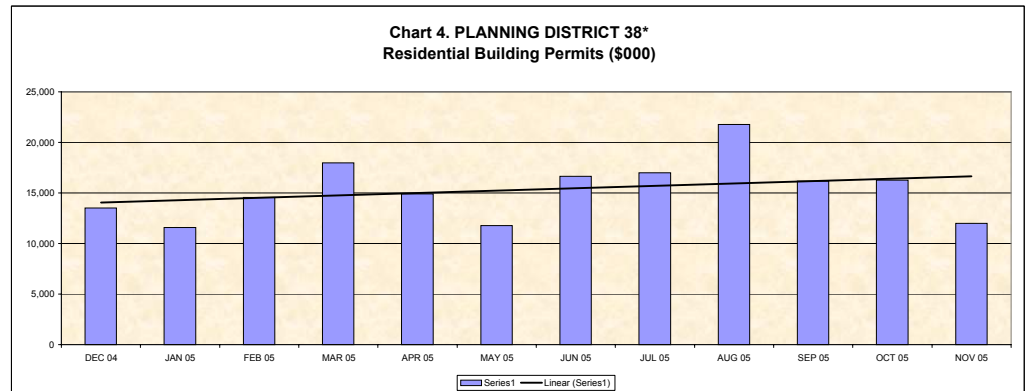
		% of total
DEC 04	74,522	9.0
JAN 05	98,953	12.0
FEB 05	71,253	8.6
MAR 05	75,046	9.1
APR 05	62,738	7.6
MAY 05	62,058	7.5
JUN 05	78,581	9.5
JUL 05	61,453	7.4
AUG 05	56,044	6.8
SEP 05	72,557	8.8
OCT 05	55,250	6.7
NOV 05	59,574	7.2
Total	\$ 828,028	100.0



\*Ascension, E.B.R., Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, W.B.R., and W. Feliciana.

Table 4.  
PLANNING DISTRICT 3  
Residential Building Permits (\$000)

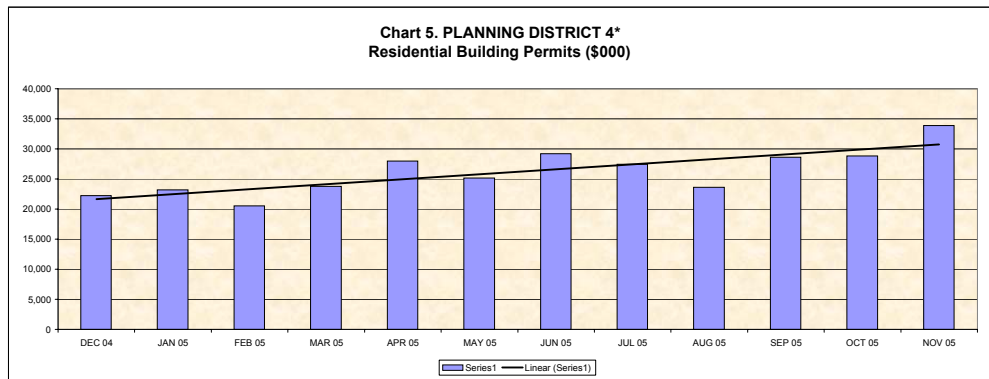
		% of total
DEC 04	13,513	7.3
JAN 05	11,573	6.3
FEB 05	14,552	7.9
MAR 05	17,988	9.8
APR 05	14,894	8.1
MAY 05	11,783	6.4
JUN 05	16,648	9.0
JUL 05	16,990	9.2
AUG 05	21,762	11.8
SEP 05	16,185	8.8
OCT 05	16,279	8.8
NOV 05	12,001	6.5
Total	\$ 184,167	100.0



\*Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St John the Baptist and Terrebonne.

Table 5.  
PLANNING DISTRICT 4  
Residential Building Permits (\$000)

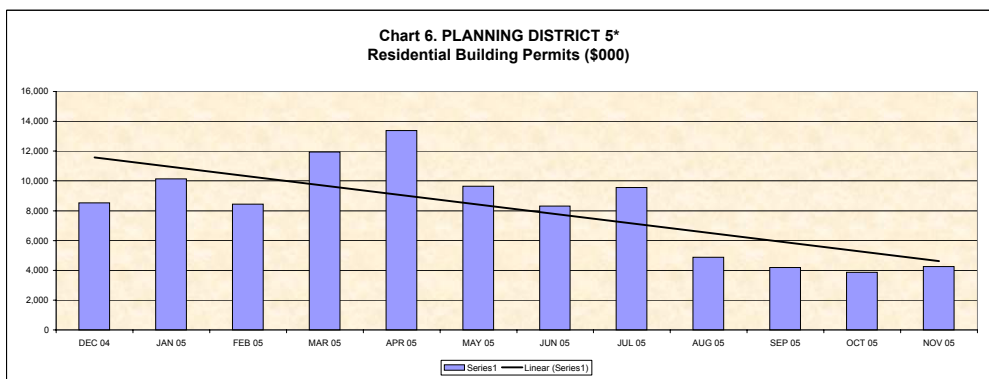
		% of total
DEC 04	22,260	7.1
JAN 05	23,218	7.4
FEB 05	20,538	6.5
MAR 05	23,797	7.6
APR 05	27,964	8.9
MAY 05	25,145	8.0
JUN 05	29,198	9.3
JUL 05	27,437	8.7
AUG 05	23,612	7.5
SEP 05	28,594	9.1
OCT 05	28,828	9.2
NOV 05	33,891	10.8
Total	\$ 314,482	100.0



\*Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion.

Table 6.  
PLANNING DISTRICT 5  
Residential Building Permits (\$000)

		% of total
DEC 04	8,519	8.8
JAN 05	10,136	10.4
FEB 05	8,441	8.7
MAR 05	11,943	12.3
APR 05	13,371	13.8
MAY 05	9,642	9.9
JUN 05	8,310	8.6
JUL 05	9,566	9.9
AUG 05	4,872	5.0
SEP 05	4,185	4.3
OCT 05	3,871	4.0
NOV 05	4,260	4.4
Total	\$ 97,116	100.0



\*Allen, Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis (See impact area map).

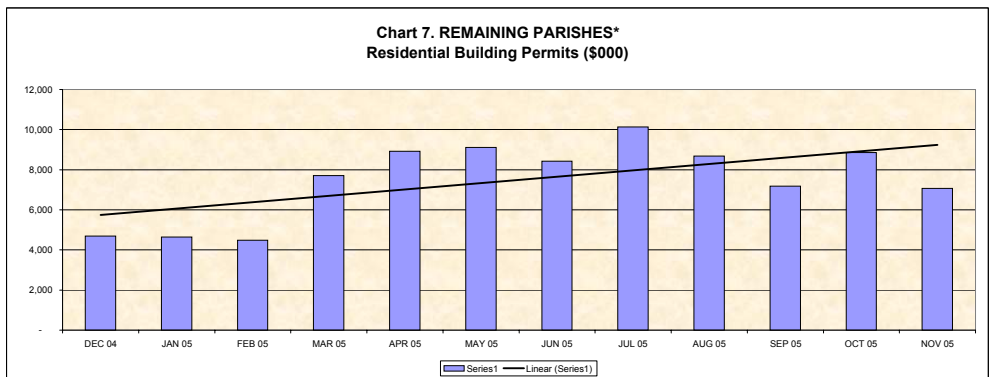
Planning District 4 permits shown in Table 5 and Chart 5 reflect a slight a significant rise for November even with Vermilion in Rita's primary impact area. The 12-month trend line flattens slightly from last month.

Table 6/Chart 6 presents summary data for Planning District 5, in the path of Rita's full impact. As the map on page 1 indicates, monthly data is not available for Cameron and Beauregard parishes. Still, the value of permit construction this month is back up to that of September. As with Planning District 1 (Katrina's primary impact area), levels of residential permit-authorized construction in the coming months should bear watching for recovery efforts. The trend line should continue to level out even more.

As with other areas not primarily impacted by Katrina or Rita, no evident effects can be determined for the four remaining parishes summarized in Table 7 and its corresponding chart. As indicated, value of permit construction has fluctuated to about the same extent since August. Except for a small lessening in slope, the trend line continues much the same as before.

Table 7.  
REMAINING PARISHES\*  
Residential Building Permits (\$000)

		% of total
DEC 04	4,685	5.2
JAN 05	4,647	5.2
FEB 05	4,491	5.0
MAR 05	7,701	8.6
APR 05	8,921	9.9
MAY 05	9,109	10.1
JUN 05	8,421	9.4
JUL 05	10,139	11.3
AUG 05	8,676	9.7
SEP 05	7,182	8.0
OCT 05	8,863	9.9
NOV 05	7,068	7.9
Total	\$ 89,903	100.0



\*For which monthly data is available: Avoyelles, Concordia, Rapides and Natchitoches.